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Failon's wife committed suicide—NBI

By Jeannette I. Andrade

AFTER A MONTHLONG INQUIRY INTO the shooting death of Trinidad "Trina" Etong, the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) confirmed what its agents have been saying all along: The wife of ABS-CBN star broadcaster Ted Failon committed suicide.

NBI Director Nestor Mantaring announced at a news conference yesterday that a major depressive disorder caused by massive financial losses drove Etong

FAILON'S A17

GMA does an Obama, slips into fast-food joint



By TJ Burgonio

WHAT BARACK OBAma can do, GMA also can.

Away from the glare of news cameras, President Gloria

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Villar to go on trial for C-5 road diversion

By Michael Lim Ubac and Christian O. Avendaño

THE SENATE ACTING AS A COMmittee of the whole yesterday said there was a "prima facie case" to support the charge of ethical violations filed against Sen. Manuel Villar in connection with the purported double funding and diversion of the C-5 road extension project.

All 12 senators at the hearing, including the presiding officer, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, voted in the affirmative, thus authorizing the committee to go on to the next step—the public trial or adjudicatory hearings.

Villar and the other five members of the minority did not attend the hearing, having earlier decried the purported one-sided nature of the proceedings.

Enrile said Villar could not be compelled to attend the yet to be scheduled trial.

The original ethics rules would

VILLAR A14

NBI subpoenas Kho, Belo

Doc has 40 sex videos, Revilla says



STRIP Katrina Halili seeks to strip Dr. Hayden Kho of his medical license saying he's a disgrace to the profession. At the Professional Regulation Commission on Thursday, she files an administrative complaint against her videographer, so to speak, for dishonorable and unethical conduct and immorality. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

By Jeannette I. Andrade and Tina G. Santos

SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THREE PEOple, including celebrity cosmetic surgeon Vicki Belo and her ex-boyfriend Dr. Hayden Kho, in connection with the inquiry of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) into the raging sex video scandal.

One Dr. Eric Johnston Chan will also be invited to explain how the videos featuring Kho in sexual encounters with actress Katrina Halili and other women ended up on the Net, according to Vicente de Guzman, head of the NBI Anti-Fraud and Computer Crimes Division.

"We will be inviting all personalities mentioned by Ms Halili in her statement, as well as other personalities whose names will surface in connection with this case," De Guzman said yesterday at a press conference.

He said the inquiry would be "focused on the case of Halili," and that subpoenas would be issued later to the other "victims."

She said that she heard that Dr. Vicki Belo also had a sex video with Kho.

"I heard that rumor . . . That was also gossiped about," she said.

"We shouldn't be afraid to fight back. If we don't do anything,

NBI SUBPOENAS A6



JUST FRIENDS The coupling of doctors, Hayden Kho and Vicki Belo, was looking hot when this photo was taken in March 2008. Now, months later, Kho's video with Katrina was [illegible] in cyberspace. And Belo turned off the heat. Belo's camp says that despite the split the couple are still friends and consulting their lawyer for the [illegible] of the NBI. [illegible]

WHO wavers in declaring flu pandemic

GENEVA—A MONTH AFTER the world was alerted to a potential influenza pandemic, doubts fostered by the mild symptoms of new swine flu virus have prompted the World Health Organization (WHO) to think twice about sounding out the maximum alarm despite the spread of infection to 41 countries.

The WHO on Thursday raised its tally of swine flu cases

WHO WAVERS A6

US immigration bill to reunite RP families

WASHINGTON—US SENATORS on Wednesday reintroduced legislation aimed at bringing together immigrant families who are often torn apart for years due to a severe backlog.

The bill would also give priority to World War II veterans from the Philippines, along with their children.

It marks the latest measure to make amends with the group. President Barack Obama earlier signed into law a measure restoring benefits to Filipino veterans, who fought alongside US forces but were stripped of payments after the war.

Some 200,000 Filipinos served with American troops during the war. About 18,000 of those Filipino veterans are alive today. Thousands reside in the United States, with many living in Hawaii.

The bill stalled last year in US Congress, but the political cl

US BILL A8



IMMERSION US Ambassador Kristie Kenney (left) and TV host Kim Atienza take the plunge into the viewing tank at the Manila Ocean Park to immerse the advocacy of protecting the sea in the minds of 40 street children, mostly from Tondo during the special Inquirer Read-Along session on Thursday. [illegible]

Clean-cut underdog beats rocker in 'Idol'



TOP (UNDER)DOG Kris Allen wins "American Idol" Season 8 with 100 million votes cast by viewers in the United States.

LOS ANGELES—THE FINALE OF US TELEvision's reality show "American Idol" ended in a shock upset on Wednesday as a clean-cut underdog defeated a glam rocker who was touted as the overwhelming favorite.

In a result that stunned viewers of the singing contest that has become a pop culture phenomenon, Kris Allen, a 23-year-old from Arkansas edged out Adam Lambert, a quirky 27-year-old from California.

US media had hyped the showdown as a smackdown between contestants from conservative "red states" in the shape of Allen versus the liberal attitudes of "blue states" personified by the flamboyant Lambert.

"I'm sorry, I don't even know what to feel right now. This is crazy," said a stunned Allen, whose smooth vocals and boy-next-door image turned the theatrical powerhouse Lambert into the most unlikely of losers.

As host Ryan Seacrest said in announcing the result of the viewer vote, "The un

CLEAN A14

SC grants amparo protection for Gadian, says AFP must reply

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE SUPREME COURT YESTERday granted a petition for the protection of Navy Lt. Nancy Gadian following alleged threats against her after she accused senior military officials of misusing a P40-million fund for the RP-US Balikatan exercises in 2007.

In a minute resolution, the high tribunal issued a writ of amparo and ordered the Armed Forces of the Philippines top brass to reply to the Court of Appeals by May 26.

The Supreme Court also directed the appellate court to hear the petition on May 28 at 10 a.m. and to decide the case within 10 days after its submission for decision.

Chief Justice Reynato Puno authorized the issuance of the writ—a measure adopted in 2007 in the midst of a surge in extrajudicial executions and disappearances—two days after Gadian's older sister Nedina Gadian-Diamante filed a petition on her behalf.

Diamante said that Gadian

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Baldwin apologizes for slur

Actor seeks forgiveness for offensive joke on Filipino women

HOLLYWOOD ACTOR ALEC BALDWIN ON Thursday apologized to the Philippines and the Filipino people for making a quip on the David Letterman show that he was thinking of getting a mail-order bride from the Philippines to achieve his goal of having more children.



BALDWIN



LETTERMAN

Delivered in jest

Chiz, Villar top Ibon survey



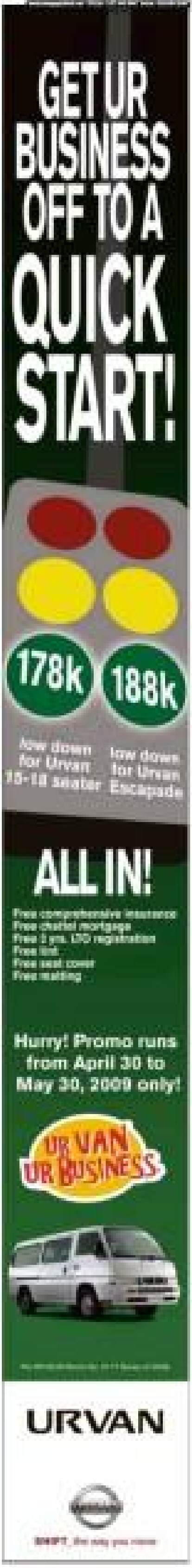


Comelec upholds surveys



Palace worried over Villar ethics case





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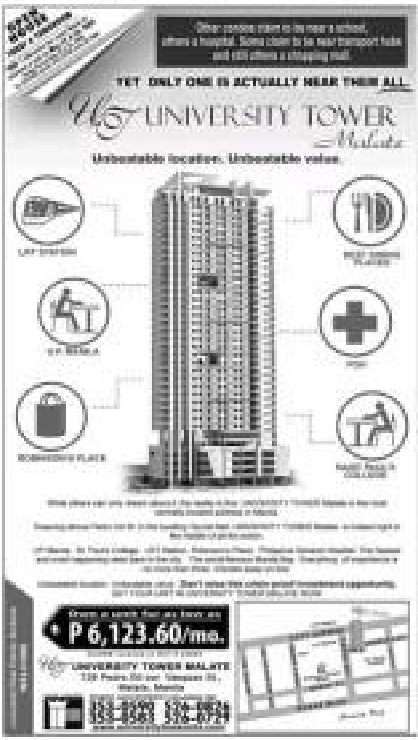


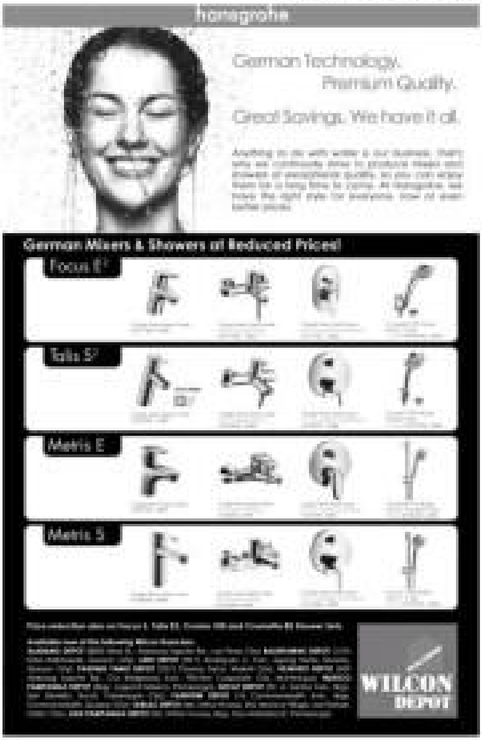
House approves pay hike of gov't workers

By Philip C. Tubeza









HK maids seek RP help on wages

AN ALLIANCE OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO workers groups in Hong Kong has called on the Philippine government to move for the inclusion of foreign domestic helpers in the [illegible] minimum wage there.

The United Filipinos in Hong Kong (Unifil-HK) made the challenge to the newly appointed Philippine Consul General [illegible] the Chinese territory's legislature [illegible] Statutory Minimum Wage (SMW) law.

"Our inclusion in the SMW is one concrete way that we can cope with the ongoing economic crunch that is expected to [illegible] in the coming months," [illegible], Unifil's chair, said in a statement.

PCGG to auction P15-B Imelda jewels



By Philip C. Tubeza

THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION on Good Government wants to auction off "as soon as possible" a huge cache of jewelry seized from Imelda Marcos, the widow of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, worth an estimated P15 billion, a PCGG official said yesterday.

PCGG Commissioner Ricardo Abcede said the jewelry, which are deposited in a vault at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, should be sold because the government needed the money.

"My staff is studying whether we can have an electronic auction. I am really determined to do this because the government is cash-strapped," Abcede told a press briefing.

"If we can sell real estate, stocks, radio stations, why not the jewelry? I want them sold as soon as possible. No ifs and buts," he said.

"I consider them non-performing assets. That's why we are considering an electronic auction so that we can fetch the highest price," he said.

The PCGG has customarily referred to the Imelda jewelry as consisting of three collections, because they were seized at different times after the first People Power Revolution that brought down Marcos in 1986.

These are the Malacañang collection, which consists of jewelry recovered from the Palace after the Marcos family and their associates fled the country in 1986; the Hawaii collection, so-called because they were confiscated by United States customs authorities from the fleeing Marcoses when they landed in Hawaii; and the so-called Roumeliotes collection, after Demetrios Roumeliotes, a Greek friend of Imelda, who was caught by customs officials in 1986 trying to smuggle out of the country 60 pieces of jewelry suspected of belonging to Imelda.

The PCGG has possession of the first two collections while the Bureau of Customs has custody of the Roumeliotes collection.

Abcede said the PCGG will have to discuss with Finance officials how to get the Roumeliotes collection out of the hands of the customs bureau.

In 2005, the Sotheby's and Christie's international auction houses estimated the value for the three collections to be worth P15 billion.

Abcede said there was no legal impediment to the auction, noting that Imelda was unsuccessful in getting the courts to issue a restraining order in 2006 when the PCGG first tried to auction off the cache.

Abcede said he was consulting former Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Board Manuling Morato, a noted collector and art collector, and it was Morato who suggested an electronic bidding.

The PCGG is also considering putting up "road shows" to drum up interest among potential buyers, he said.

"There are many collectors who are bizarre and very private who would be interested in these because of their provenance, their history," he said.

Abcede dismissed suggestions that the jewelry be displayed in a museum to remind the public of the abuses of the Marcos regime.

He said the public would lose interest soon enough and the government would be left with the substantial costs of securing and maintaining such a museum.

Imelda's jewelry hoard was earlier reported to include a 37-carat diamond bracelet, a diamond and emerald choker set in platinum, and a bracelet of rubies and diamonds set in yellow gold.

"These were acquired in a time of want and here she was buying all of these," Abcede said.

One ruby piece still had a handwritten note attached to it that read, "Ma'am Meldy wants to buy this."

"She [Imelda] is saying that these are family heirlooms. But they're from Cartier, Bulgari and Chanel. How can they be heirlooms?" Abcede said.

NBI to quiz suspected Abu leader

By Jeannette I. Andrade

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI) will conduct its own interrogation of suspected ranking Abu Sayyaf official Mohammad Haris Halipe, whom Malaysian authorities turned over to the agency on Wednesday.

An NBI source, who sought anonymity for lack of authority to speak to the media, said Halipe, one of five Abu Sayyaf members who were returned to the country by Malaysia, had an arrest warrant issued against him by the United States for his alleged involvement in the abduction of four American tourists in Lake Sebu, South Cotabato, in 1996.

The source said only Halipe was turned over to the NBI because of an extradition request made by the US for the kidnapping of the Americans, in which a $200,000 reward was offered for his capture.

Halipe was the alleged leader of the Abu Sayyaf group that abducted the Americans and sought a ransom of P500,000 for their release.

The source said that only the NBI can file a petition for a provisional arrest warrant in order to gain custody of Halipe preparatory to his extradition to the US to answer the charges there.



Amalia asks DOJ to review robbery raps

By Dona Pazzibugan

ACTRESS AMALIA FUENTES yesterday asked the Department of Justice to overturn a resolution made by a state prosecutor upholding robbery charges filed against her by brother-in-law Ramon Arcenas.

Arcenas is the brother of Fuentes' estranged husband, businessman Joseph Stevens. The actress claimed Stevens used Arcenas to file the charges against her since he himself could not do so.

Fuentes, whose real name is Amalia Muhlach, was charged with stealing company documents from First Mindanao Agriculture Corp. The actress said she is a co-owner of the company run by Stevens.

Petition for review

A bail of P24,000 was posted by Fuentes and her son Kenneth Stevens in Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 22 under Judge Edgar Santos. Two others accused in the case are Eduardo Ramirez and Dionisio Cabillas.

The petition for review was filed by the actress yesterday in the office of Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño to overturn the resolution of state prosecutor Jose Perez.

She maintained that she did not steal the documents, which she claimed contained her evidence against her husband.

"I'm here to file my petition for review, not a motion for reconsideration because the fiscal that gave the decision has retired," she told reporters.

"Number one, I was not summoned by the fiscal. I was not given the chance to know the charges. This case has gone through three fiscals. There is such a thing as forum shopping. You can't go from a fiscal in Quezon City and then you file in the Justice department. Finally another fiscal again, and a decision they wanted," she said.

"I'm not asking for a reconsideration because it will go back to the same fiscal. I want a review by a different and higher office," the actress added.

Silent partner

Fuentes admitted that she did not give the case much importance at first since she and her husband owned the company anyway.

"I have also invested in this company because I was a silent partner. I gave him (Stevens) control of the company being the man in the family and so he would not feel inferior to me. And this is what I got,"

she added.

Fuentes said she has sought a temporary protection order in the courts because she has been getting threats from Stevens and his supporters.

She has also filed for legal separation against her husband who allegedly keeps a mistress and has reportedly withheld properties belonging to her.

According to Fuentes, Stevens has filed for an annulment of their marriage in Cebu province, but the court denied the petition "because it was not based on law."


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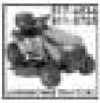
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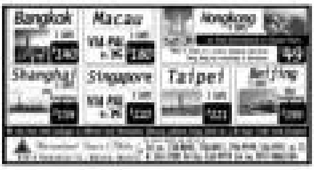




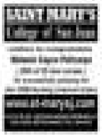








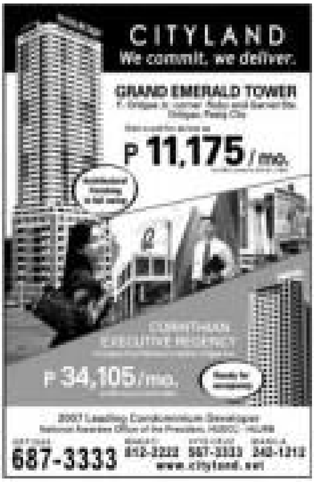
Cebu gov leads filing of charges vs Big 3

















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Katrina? Katrina? Pirated DVDs sold

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Still friends

'Unethical acts'

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By Dona Pazzibugan

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US bill to reunite RP families

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Disproportionate to situation

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Similarities in viruses



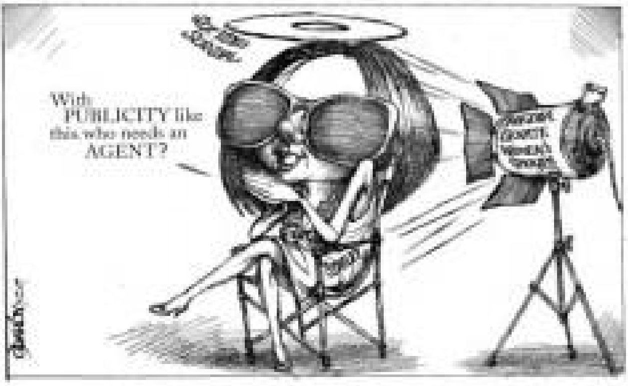
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Erap's tragedy

EDITORIAL

YESTERDAY, IN THIS SPACE, WE NOTED THAT deposed President Joseph Estrada's self-indulgent reelection plans could help shape next year's elections in President Macapagal-Arroyo's favor. [illegible]



Pork barrel is root cause of corruption

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Empowering the poor with prohibitive court fees?

Is Palparan on the side of communist rebels?

GMA does an Obama, slips into fast-food joint



PRESIDENT'S DAY After a breakfast of longganisa at McDonald's and chatting with call center agents in the resto, President Arroyo addresses the general membership meeting of the Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Association of the Philippines.

On video

No age limit

Failon's wife committed suicide—NBI

Time deposit gone

'Sorry' note

Parricide angle

Allow Ted to grieve

Police issues

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Teodoro offers protection

'God has granted our prayers'

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Clean-cut underdog beats rocker in 'Idol'

Judges adoration

Not empty platitudes



'IDOL' NO. 1

Danny Gokey factor

Usual bag of tricks

Reports from AFP and AP

Villar to go on trial for C-5 road diversion

Pretrial ordered

Not guilt or innocence

Aspirants, too

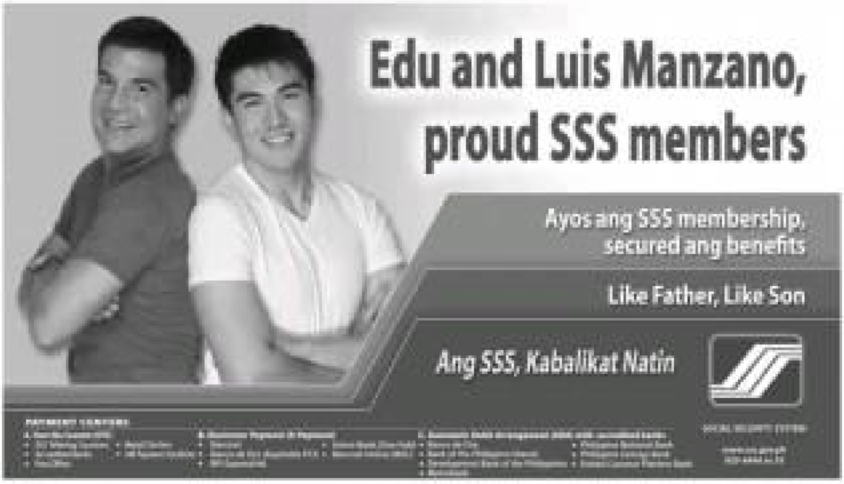
Prima facie case

Across the NATION

MILF rebels still occupy 6 villages

COTABATO CITY—AT LEAST 50 SEPARATIST Moro guerrillas continued to occupy several coastal villages in Sultan Kudarat and Maguindanao provinces despite appeals for them to leave, the military said.

Marines launch rescue bid for seized teachers





Violence erupts again over land in Boracay



Cebu transport groups plan own gas stations

Excess ammonia triggers CamSur lake fishkill



Soldiers seen near station before attack on radio man

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10 NPAs dead in clash

Jobless OFWs get loans

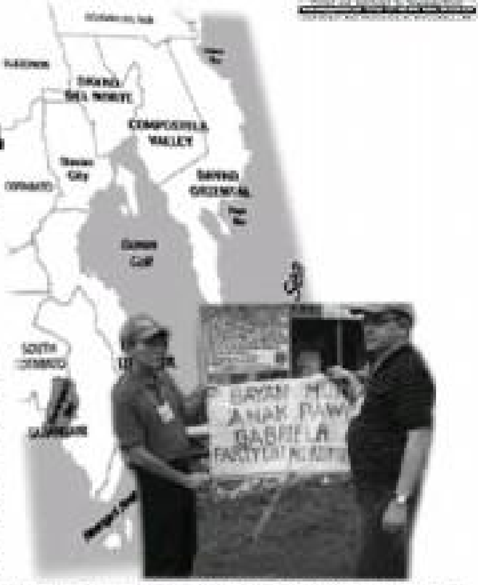
4 dead in rampage

Opening of 2 SCTEx interchanges delayed



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> *"The 10th ID Eastern Mindanao Command has made a travesty of the justice system, undermined civilian authority and supremacy and distorted the definition of peace and order by instituting authoritarian rule in far-flung villages."*

Bata, Orcollo resume bids for first Villar Cup win

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ORACLE'S ... and Cobra's ... will be going at it again in a do-or-die Game 5.

Giles, eyed by Asian squads, says he feels at home with RP 5

So crushes Iranian GM

SSC, FEU spike V-League foes

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Globetrotters visit Signal Village

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Mizuno finals tees off at Splendido

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Anya opens title defense

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CLOSE CALL Cleveland's Wally Szczerbiak (front) battles Orlando's Dwight Howard for the rebound. [illegible]

Kings eye semis slot

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'BIG 3' PAINTS GRIM SCENARIO ON OIL DEPOT CLOSURE

Gas price hikes, job losses, revenue cuts

THE "BIG 3" OIL COMPANIES AND THE COUNTRY'S business community yesterday warned that the closure of the Pandacan oil depot may have grave repercussions, including higher gasoline prices, layoffs and reduced revenues for the Manila City government.

Apprehensive

Safety features in place at depot, say oil firms

Off-duty cop foils bus rob try

DID YOU KNOW





Loren's ex-staffer nabbed over prepaid card scam

By Allison W. Lopez

THE SOUTHERN POLICE DIstrict has arrested a former staff member of Sen. Loren Legarda for reportedly duping dozens of people in a multimillion peso prepaid card investment scam in Pasay City the other day.

Floridelia Sadsad, 39, of Cavite City, was served a warrant of arrest for estafa at the Mall of Asia at around 11 a.m. Wednesday by operatives of the District Intelligence Division-District Intelligence Operating Unit (DID-DIOU).

Chief Insp. Allan Umipig, DIOU chief, said that Sadsad refused to comment on her victims' claim that she used to work for Legarda.

Reached for comment, Legarda yesterday said her office actually helped authorities go after her former staff member who is facing several cases of swindling and estafa.

She added that she fired Sadsad in 2003 after receiving complaints against her and reports that she was using the senator's name in her alleged illegal activities.

"I do not tolerate criminal activities even if committed by a former staff. The complainants have sought assistance from my office and we acted appropriately and with dispatch to assist her apprehension," Legarda said in a statement.

Umipig confirmed Legarda's statement, adding the senator's office actually helped them go after Sadsad.

He said that the other day Legarda's legal staff joined SPD authorities in apprehending the suspect at the Mall of Asia SMX Convention Center.

Connection

Police investigation showed that in 2005, at least three complainants lost almost P20 million to Sadsad who had asked them to invest in her prepaid cell phone card business in exchange for a monthly interest of 15 to 20 percent.

The suspect also reportedly dropped Legarda's name to entice her victims, who were residents of Cavite, Makati and Pasig.

"In the three separate complaints we handled, the victims invested P10 million, P1.2 million and P600,000 each," said Umipig.

The victims later sought the help of the police when the checks issued by Sadsad representing the interest owed to their investments bounced.

Since her arrest, Sadsad has been detained at the SPD headquarters in Taguig City but Umipig said she may be released if she posts bail in the estafa cases filed against her.

"The victims filed charges individually so it's bailable unlike if they [had] filed a case as a group, then the suspect would be charged with syndicated estafa which is non-bailable," he said.

Aside from encouraging Sadsad's victims to file complaints against her, Umipig warned the public against those promising them huge returns on their investments.

"We should not easily believe these get-rich-quick schemes. They should wonder why the interest is ridiculously high when even the banks don't offer such amounts," he said. *With a report by Christine Avendaño*



VIOLENT CONFRONTATION Security guards at the Department of Agrarian Reform in Quezon City engage farmers in a scuffle when the latter tried to enter the building Thursday to meet with DAR Secretary Nasser Pangandaman. The farmers were clamoring for the extension of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program. [illegible]

4 hurt in San Juan City fire

TWO FIREFIGHTERS AND TWO civilians were injured when fire hit a residential area in San Juan City yesterday morning.

The fire, which reached the fifth alarm, also destroyed 15 houses on P. Parada Street in Barangay Sta. Lucia, San Juan. It started at 6:10 a.m. on the second floor of the house owned by Segundo Carsaca.

SFO2 Domingo Cabag of the San Juan fire office said seven other houses in the area were partially damaged.

"Most of the houses there were made of wooden materials so the fire spread easily to the neighboring houses," he said.

SFO1 Wilfredo Estrada who sustained wounds on his leg when a steel sheet fell on him, said the fire was put out at 9:30 [illegible]. *Beverly T. Natividad*

Tanod found dead inside barangay hall

A 46-YEAR-OLD FORMER barangay tanod (watchman) was found dead in a barangay outpost on Wednesday night in Barangay 674, Sta. Ana, Manila.

The body of Mar Arthur Fernandez was discovered by a companion who was bringing him food. The victim reportedly suffered from diabetes. *Jeannette I. Andrade*

METROBRIEFS

Soon, a new Caloocan City hall

CALOOCAN City will soon build a modern city hall to replace the present one on A. Mabini Street. [illegible] *Beverly T. Natividad*

Cop goes on drunken rampage

MANILA Police District (MPD) operatives have launched a hunt for a colleague who allegedly fired shots and disturbed his neighbors in a drunken rampage Wednesday night in Tondo, Manila. [illegible] *Jeannette I. Andrade*

Ayala Avenue closed May 23-25

THE MAKATI City government announced that Ayala Avenue will be closed to traffic from May 23-25 for a grand parade, part of the city's celebration of its 339th Foundation Day. [illegible] *Allison W. Lopez*

Asean photo contest set

AS PART of its advocacy on generating greater public awareness on the values of biodiversity, the Asean Center for Biodiversity [illegible] For more details, please log on to www.aseanbiodiversity.org.

Medical mission serves Taguig

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The WORLD



FAMILY members weep as they collect the bodies of loved ones the morning after a car bomb ripped through Baghdad on May 21.

Car bomb attack kills 41 in Baghdad

4 arrested for planning terror attacks in New York

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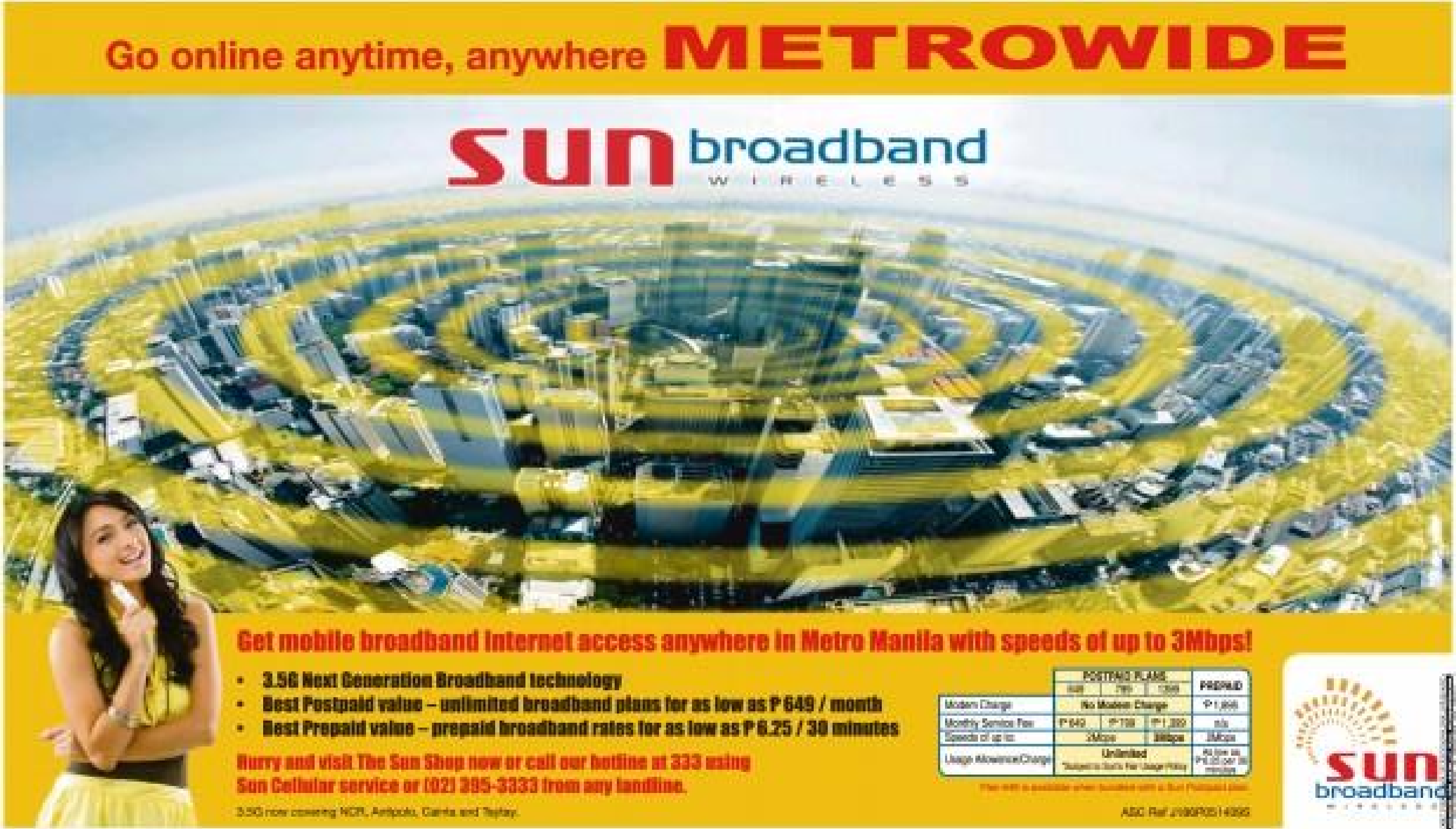
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Economy seen to grow by up to 2.8% in Q1

Neda says it may be the worst quarter of the year

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY LIKELY GREW BETWEEN 1.8 and 2.8 percent in the first three months of the year—the worst quarter of 2009, according to the National Economic and Development Authority.

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Gov't prepares MRT contract worth $3.3B

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1,637 jobs to be created

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Landbank reports 43% rise in lending

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ICTSI inks 3-year $150-M loan deal

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Economy seen to grow . . .

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may be over," he added.

"Recovery may take longer, so we have to focus on the domestic economy," Recto said. "We may be better off concentrating on trade with our neighbors in the region."

Malacañang's chief economist said the government was keeping its projection that GDP would grow within 3.1 percent and 4.1 percent in 2009.

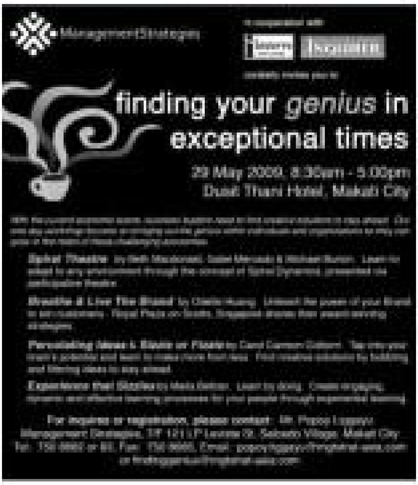
"This can be achieved, provided that, as forecast, remittances from overseas Filipinos continue to grow, exports would rebound along with the pick up of global demand, overnight bank lending and borrowing rates would keep easing, and inflation would keep going down," Recto said.

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Senate seeks to regulate 'hidden' ATM fees

RP, Spain seal air deal

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Authentic fashion destination

By Alex Y. Vergara

Rajo Laurel, one of 3 designers featured in the 'Face Off' show on June 23 at CCP, heads a house that runs the gamut of fashion

WHEN FASHION DESIGNER Rajo Laurel collaborated with architect from Marty de Castro and Associates years back on his future work address, he had wanted it to be a "destination" for his growing clientele.

After all, he envisioned the House of Laurel to include everything under one roof—from a ready-to-wear boutique to a makeup studio, from a spacious office to a private archive of books and old magazines the designer calls his "happy place."

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LAUREL shows one of his prized acquisitions, a hard-bound volume featuring Valentino and his works.





Authentic fashion destination















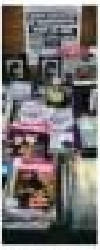


LAUREL, SALA, ORTIZ IN 'FACE OFF'

Fab finds from London's bargain haunts

Text and photos by Allan W. Lopez





BEATLES memorabilia at the Spitalfields market

Lovely Primark

Edgy Eastside

Portobello, please





'Hola!' New Spanish fashion brand conquers Manila



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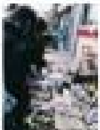
No wonder—Massimo Dutti is part of the Zara fashion conglomerate





Stylish subtraction

Fab finds. . .



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Now showing on the catwalk: Baptismal couture



Katrina Goulbourn gowns cash in on the christening craze–stylishly

By Cheche V. Moral





BEST pals Cecile Reyes and Linda [illegible] flank the celebrant, writer and financier Freddy Olbes



EBONG Velasco and Bugsy Drilon



MARITTA Santos



TESS Olbes with Rosalita Martel and [illegible]



JACK Adamos with Johnny Velasquez and Al Borgos



RICHARD Lipson with Maripi Manzon



VICKY Perillo and Babes Santos



TESS Olbes with Pepito Albert and Gigi de Jongh

Heiress gets drunk in a bar, makes a fool of herself

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen using [illegible] Photo Solutions

IT WAS A STORMY DAY, BUT that didn't stop the 20 invitees of our King for the Day brilliant writer, articulate speaker and financier Freddy Olbes, from celebrating with style his 56th birthday, dahlings, at the chic Sala Restaurant.

Colin Mackay, the genius behind Sala, Sala Bistro and the hard-to-match People Palace, outdid himself with an elegantly decorated dinner table that allowed all the guests to chat with each other.

The celebrant, being the perfectionist that he is, chose the excellent menu, the Moet et Chandon Pink Champagne, one of Freddy's favorites, and red and white wines served throughout dinner.

The simple but to-die-for three-course dinner with specials consisted of roast quail with potato and white truffle oil risotto. Next was a choice of prime cut rib-eye, veggies and mashed potatoes, and pavlova for the finale, pakingan.

"First of all, I want to thank all of you for coming and braving the nasty weather. And I precisely invited only the 20 of you because in one time or another, all of you have been a big part of my life," our host said.

Nineteen bottles of Moet et Chandon Pink Champagne were consumed during the memorable affair.

It was truly a "great, fun birthday bash." We all left the venue, would you believe, at 3:30 a.m., dahlings.

Perfect pairing

Retail giant Bench recently hosted a special dinner welcoming the team of the renowned brand Mane, led by its president, Monsieur Jean Mane, no less.

Bench has partnered with Mane, one of the world's 10 leading fragrance companies, pakingan. Mane is responsible for researching and developing Bench's signature scents. Bench's other top brand partners include Gucci, Ferragamo, Ralph Lauren, Hermes and Givenchy. Now, honey, if that ain't in good company, what is?

Bench's multifaceted personality Ben Chan, led this exclusive event, together with Bench endorsers like the gorgeous Lucy Torres-Gomez, Richard Gutierrez and [illegible]. Other guests included PR maverick **Keren Pascual**, The Philippine Star's **Millet Mananquil**, [illegible], Tatler Philippines' [illegible], Mayor **Fred Tinga** and his wife Kaye, and [illegible]. Keeping a keen eye during the happening were Bench consultant **Hiroumi Nagasawa** and top architect [illegible], pakingan.

Mane was represented by **Jean Mane**, **Yves Zeller**, **Bernard Lenard** and the vivacious, adorable **Camille Lucas** of the French embassy.

With an excellent dinner and flowing champagne, everyone had a grand time toasting this perfect pairing of two giants: Bench and Mane, dahlings.

Gossip

It was one of those weekends when I wish I had three bodies to be able to attend the happenings around town. Like on a Friday night, after meeting a couple of pals at the fully packed [illegible] at The Fort, we zoomed over to the chi-chi Establishment [illegible] and Bar Club.

In one super fun table were the famous Dr. Aivee Aguilar Teo, with eight of her close pals, who are all her gorgeous clients. Also present were the stunning Gretchen Barretto with her close friend, [illegible] beauty [illegible], Mimi Qua and [illegible]. Next to their table was a bunch of business tycoons headed by honcho businessman [illegible]. They were discussing money while having dinner. I wondered how they could concentrate with the beautiful women next to them. Oh, well. There were also eye-catching pals **Belinda Bright** and **Cathy [illegible]**, **Pepito Albert**, **Mandy Ortiz** and [illegible] and their gang.

While in Makati, the popular [illegible] had their fill, too, of the weekend crowd.

The next day, Saturday, many of Manila's drop-dead gorgeous women were in Establishment, headed by the beautiful **Ruffa Gutierrez**. Their group included super couple [illegible] and [illegible] Antonio, his brother Marco and wife, vivacious [illegible] model and TV star [illegible] who has broken up with actor [illegible] and [illegible] beauty **Bubbles Paraiso**.

I also spotted [illegible] with a friend, [illegible] batting an eyelash, her ex-lover walked in with his date, [illegible], who, by the way, is now in New York. As expected, [illegible] left the club faster than I could ask, "Where are you going?"

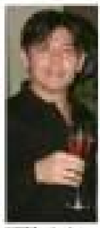
And who is this heiress who got herself so smashed on booze or on [illegible] that she could hardly understand her own [illegible]? Two friends dragged her out of the bar against her will and told her driver to bring her home.

The following day she gave me a call and asked, "Was I really that drunk?"

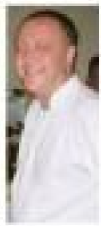
"Darling, you were totally drunk, making a damn fool of yourself." Oops, honey.



SALA'S gorgeous dinner table setting



MIKE Sandoval



SALA'S Colin Mackay



MANOLING Torres and Virgilio Lim



[illegible] Ferragamo with Dolo dela Cruz, Kristine Lim, [illegible] Lim and Bench consultant Hiroumi Nagasawa



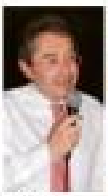
KEREN Pascual with Camille Lucas and Millet Mananquil



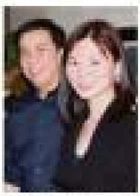
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[illegible] with Julie Torres, Lucy Torres-Gomez and Bayani Lim



JEAN Mane



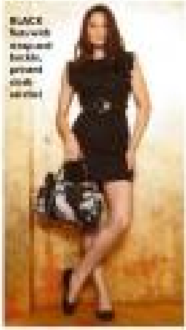
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CAMILLE Lucas of French Embassy with Bernard Lenard, Ben Chan, Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga and wife Kaye (second from right), Mane's president Monsieur Jean Mane and Yves Zeller

Design complex holds end-of-summer sale

New shoes-bags line offers great design options



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AIKA Miguel and mom Andrea



NADIA Gonzalez and mom Tyra



MAX JUAN and mom Pauline



NATALIA Montenegro and mom Vicky



ALEJANDRO [illegible] and mom Anna

Now showing . . .

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and friends of friends" fashion to model the gowns.

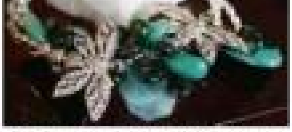
Max Juan, Preview editor Pauline's youngest—in an ivory piña silk pleated hanging gown with blue velvet and crochet trim—wouldn't have looked out of place in his mommy's fashion pages.

Andrea Miguel's boy, Aika, was a mini-emperor in a yellow silk brocade gown with coral silk satin appliqué border details and matching Chinese-style cap.

Nadia Gonzalez was [illegible] to her mommy Tyra's [illegible], wearing a Spanish-inspired ivory lace and piña silk gown with velvet ribbon and [illegible] embroidery.



THE DESIGNER with her mom and dad, Joanna and [illegible]



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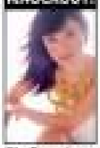




Pamper your hands and feet big time

Don't overlook these 'age definers'–they are where the early signs of aging start

KNOCKOUT!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

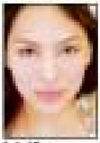
WHEN I THINK OF AGING, I just think of all the beautiful women who are much older than me. That helps me look forward to getting older. It seems that as women mature, they have a different sense of self that age brings. The women who come to mind are those who have taken time to take care of themselves.

Hands and feet

Quick remedies



How to prevent sticky hair strands





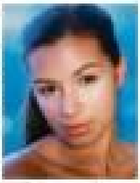


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What to do about under-eye wrinkles

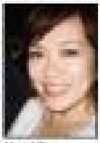






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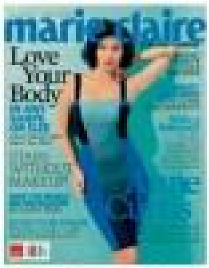
Look good even after shedding tears



Mariel Chua



JOHNSON'S Baby Wash

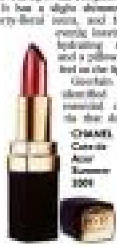


Here's the lowdown on new luxury cosmetic lines





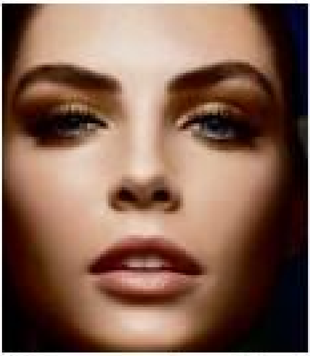
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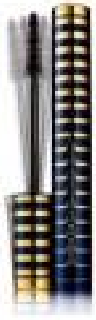


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MAC JUST a Pinch Gel Blush





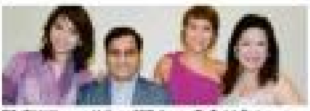


ESTEE Lauder Time Zone



Mascara for Pinay eyes

Turbo Lash guarantees even application with no nasty clumping



Bye bye, dark underarms



For beautiful skin, 'eat' water

By Charlie V. Manzi



MURAD Resurgence Age-diffusing Serum and (below) Environmental Shield Age Spot and Pigment Lightening Cream





NO, THEY DON'T STING. Murad Intensive Wrinkle Reducer for face and eyes and Intensive Resurfacing Peel with Cherian Cell Reform

IT'S NOT ABOUT HOW MUCH WATER you drink, but how much of it you keep in.

Building strong cells that can better retain moisture has always been Dr. Howard Murad's foundation in fighting skin aging. It's his philosophy that beautiful skin is achieved only if it's healthy at the cellular level.

His revolutionary 2002 study called "The Cellular Water Principle" underscores that skin aging and disease has a lot to do with water loss at the cellular level.

"Whatever affects your skin affects your internal organs," and vice versa, says Elise Edery, Murad Inc.'s director of international education. "So what's the point of drinking lots of water when your cell membranes are not strong enough to keep it? It's like pouring water in a pocket with holes in it."

Dr. Murad, who founded his company in 1989 and was voted by Vogue magazine as one of the top 10 dermatologists, espouses improving one's overall health to fight skin aging.

"Eat your water more than you drink your water," Edery quotes Murad, noting fruits and vegetables, especially when eaten raw, have "structured water" that contains anti-inflammatories and antioxidants that neutralize the effect of free radicals.

Free radicals are destructive oxygen molecules caused by ultraviolet rays, pollution, stress and poor diet that make a person vulnerable to disease and skin aging.

Cold-water fishes, like salmon, she adds, have essential fatty acids that help maintain hydration. There's also whole wheat, soy and lecithin-rich eggs. A healthy diet fortifies cell membranes that are able to keep water inside.

Murad also suggests taking supplements with glucosamine, which helps repair body tissues, amino acids, choline and other nutrients. Using topical products containing antioxidants round up his three-way approach.

"I know of models who drink eight glasses of water a day," says Edery. "Then they go to the toilet eight times because, on the one hand, they're chain-smoking, which hurts the cell membranes... A baby's skin vibrates when you touch it because 75 percent of its weight is water." Water is lost as one ages.

Three types of aging

According to Murad, there are three types of aging: genetic, which results in fine lines and wrinkles; environmental, or age spots and hyperpigmentation caused by pollution, poor diet, overexposure to the sun and unhealthy lifestyle; and hormonal, or loss of firmness following lowered estrogen levels at the time of menopause.

It is based on these that he formulated his skin-aging solutions.

Murad's Resurgence is aimed at hormonal aging problems, with skin-firming AHAs and glucosamine/glycans that inhibit collagen-destroying enzymes.

The Environmental Shield and Essential-C lines battle environmental effects on the skin, the latter with maximum doses of Vitamin C in its formulation.

Murad Professional Line is exclusively distributed in the Philippines by Hueson Commercial Corp. and is available at Murad Spa at Heaven on the 5th in Rustan's Makati.

Not long ago, Dr. Murad, who has some 17 patents to his name, formulated the so-called Dorian Cell Reform, after discovering the seed-seedling fresh citrus found in Asia has very high levels of essential fatty acids and antioxidants that counter skin cell degradation.

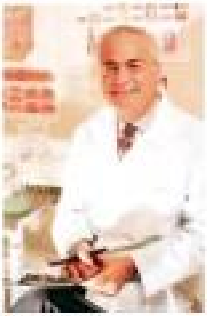
A line containing the exclusive formula has been added to his antiwrinkles and fine lines products.

"Dr. Murad says aging is a fact of life, but looking your age is not," says Edery.

Take it from Dr. Murad: Fruits and vegetables have 'structured water' that contains anti-inflammatories and antioxidants



ELISSE Edery, Murad Inc.'s director of international education



DR. HOWARD Murad



Jewelry exhibit features women of glamour

FIORELLATO JEWELRY USES THE FINEST gold and gemstones. Since 1967, Fiorellato has gained a strong following of women who embody the jewelry's beauty.

The Women of Fiorellato have played a prominent part in helping various charities, particularly the Kabul Project in 1994. Catherine Deneuve, Geraldine Chaplin, Veronika, Claudia Cardinale, Isabella Rossellini, Salma Hayek, Monica Bellucci, Jennifer Aniston and Sofia Loren, together with fashion and magazine photographer Michel Comte, helped raise money for the building of a Red Cross hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan, through an exhibit featuring these women, who donated jewelry pieces.

Vanali, Philippine jewelry chain, continues this tradition by gathering eight women in a photo exhibit by Mark Nicdao entitled "Women of Fiorellato" at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel.

The exhibit featured Rossana Dalalia Figueroa along with Aiza Aguilar Tee, Cristine Sy-Ross, Frelda Quilisuman-Nepomuceno, Marisol Tecson-Ramirez, Maria Theresa Sy, Rosse Marie Rinaldi and Penny Velasco-Lopera.

The exhibit marked the opening of Vanali's flagship boutique at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel.

Fiorellato is exclusively available at Vanali branches at Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Hotel 1, SM Mall of Asia, Naia Terminal 1 and Shangri-La Mactan. Vanali will soon open at Shangri-La Boracay. Call 6377715/ 0917 8000333.



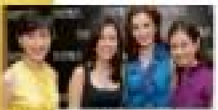


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Fashion with attitude for work and play



SLTX Garments CEO Renee Sioson, designer Debbie Co, image model Carmina Villaroel and Elite Garments VP Ketty Que

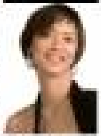
TRABAJO PARA VIVIR (WORK TO LIVE) is a widely known Spanish motto, and something we can all live by—whether in life or in fashion.

Think classic work suit. Something with rock-star leather. All over the Fall 2009 runways, from Balmain to Alberta Ferretti, trends were anything but 9 to 5.

Perhaps it's the knee-jerk reaction to all the crisis talk. All work and no play makes us a bore. Injecting more ... and

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Mabuhay!



Jessi J. Epperson



Fashion with attitude for work and play



Freespace Pi

Supplement your man's work looks to the key to dressing up this season.

Look out for '50s-style stiff construction dresses, "peaked" shoulder tailor jackets that are already gaining a cult following, bright color-blocking in chiffon and tailoring, '80s black leather, gloves shoulder work-chick dresses and feathered skirts.

Yes, you read that right. Twitter generation: feathered skirts.

In the local fashion scene, Ensembles is appropriating everything from 1960s mod to Elizabethan ruff to origami in its work outfits, created by designer Bebbie Co. Here she talks about her design philosophy, and what to expect from Ensembles.

What's the inspiration for your designs?

I got inspiration from a lot of things: 1960s mod era, Venetian period (ruffs), Queen Elizabeth I and Japanese culture (origami and kimono sleeves).

How would you describe the collection?

It reflects dynamic—both modern and romantic, vibrant and colorful. This very feminine collection has a familiar and slightly blissful mood. Ensembles is put on buttons, appliqués, irregular cuts, color-blocks and distressed finishes, creating a fresh, modern romantic look.

The fabric and finishes are contemporary-looking and feature their construction and make-up as part of the final look.

What are the must-have pieces in this collection?

Cover-ups, trench coats, cute dresses, high-waisted skirts, shirtdresses, button dresses, shift dresses.

How has your style evolved since the start of your career?

In four years of designing clothes, I have explored and experimented on a lot of things. Because of this, I think I have become a better designer. It's easier for me now to know if something would work or not. But I think my aesthetic has remained the same. I have always created clothes that are feminine, modern yet timeless. I have always liked putting intricate details on clothes through drapes, pleats, tucks and folds.

What are your considerations when designing clothes?

It is always best to follow your instinct in creating designs. I always want to create something that will make a woman feel confident, beautiful, strong, sexy, powerful and independent. I want my clothes to be wearable as well. I also design best using 3-D skills—by creating ideas in three dimensions, using fabrics like draping. A lot of my clients would describe my clothes as very feminine, classic yet modern.

Define fashion.

Fashion is transient and superficial. It is a mode of dressing that is popular during a certain period, but which changes from one time to the next. Style, however, is an individual's approach to all aspects in life. It is a reflection of his or her personality. Style is eternal. Attitude defines one's style.

What's the fashion era you'd like to go back to, and why?

The 1920s, definitely. It was a decade of elegance and a time when there was a new spirit of freedom, especially for women. A new attitude to wearing clothes evolved. I love that era.

If you were an article of clothing, what would it be?

Madame Grès' and Madeleine Vionnet's dresses. They represent elegance, modernity, timelessness and simplicity.

What are the top 5 things every woman must have in her closet?

Little black dress, little white dress, crisp classic white shirt, tailored classic coat.

What makes a woman stylish?

Being free, confident and unpretentious in one's clothes.

What gives an outfit a sense of humor?

Styles that are mixed up, and creating a sense of contrast. By mixing things that don't go together and creating balance and harmony from it, humor and attitude emerge. By combining simplicity with sophistication, the ordinary with the extraordinary, the familiar with unpredictable.

Does fashion end with just clothes?

No. It's all about how you put yours all together.

Bebbie Co for Ensembles collection available at Alabang Town Center, Eastwood Citywalk 2, Festival Supermall, Glorietta, Robinsons Place Manila, Robinsons Galleria, SM Megamall, SM Megamall, Trinoma, Chinese Center. Visit www.ensembles.com.ph for more info.

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Glam watches in spring colors



GLAM Rock Sorbet collection

JUST IN TIME FOR SPRING, Glam Rock Watches, the Couturier de Horlogerie, unveils its new Sorbet collection. The watch brand is once again ahead of the trends with hand-finished, subtle-colored accents on the interchangeable case covers of the watches. The actual collection has precision-cast metal with recessed areas designed to hold each color in a specific pattern.

Each application of color must be done by hand, with painstaking attention to detail. "Italian artists would spend years learning to perfect the process," says Enrico Margarelli, CEO of Glam Rock. "Even though modern technology has made some aspects of the production faster, it still takes the hand and eye of a master craftsman to make it a reality."

Available in both chronograph and three-hand timepieces, the 2009 Sorbet collection features gold or stainless steel case covers accented with hand inlaid swirls of color. As with all Glam Rock watches, the case covers are interchangeable with other case covers from the Sorbet collection or a number of other Glam Rock collections. The straps for the Sorbet collection come in black or white techno silk or stainless steel bracelet band.

Founded in 2005, Glam Rock Watches specializes in luxury time timepieces with unique, patented functionality and impeccable style. Chic and sophisticated, Glam Rock Watches are all Swiss made. The fashionable straps and case covers are handcrafted from the highest-quality materials including titanium, 18-karat gold, diamonds, genuine leathers, exotic skins and fabrics from France and Italy.

Available at Chronos and Lucerne.



(CLOCKWISE) Sorbet [illegible], Sorbet [illegible], Sorbet [illegible]



Maximum effect

By Partikula
Contributor

TAKE A BREAK FROM LEATHER BOMbards, layers, cover-ups and crazed leggings (torn, acid washed or simply plain Jane). Wear a sexy late-summer dress for that hot feminine look. Whether it's your favorite LBD or a monotone tube dress that contours your curves perfectly, or that maxi dress you deserve to wear after staying away from the calories, awaken your inner diva by dressing up with maximum effect.

A part of Prince's Fashion Series, Rosanna Ocampo's event held at Members Only was like [illegible] a hidden plot of flowers in the middle of Manila's busy urban life.

Blooming fashionistas wearing Rosanna's summer collection promenaded along hallways that were surrounded by trailing green vines. The ladies looked like well-crafted bouquets, as the young designer [illegible] her collection to the paintings of Impressionist master Claude Monet and his famed Giverny Gardens in France.



ERIN Campos



LEICA Carpo



CLAUDINE Tello

Print perfect. Fashionistas will adore her flowy dresses made chic with sexy cuts and floral patterns, as well as [illegible] and vibrant colors. Perfect for all those "champagne or caviar" moments by the sunset!



DENIMMER/Rosanna Ocampo



CHARINA Sarte



MARCO Lobregat and Joey Mead



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CELINE Gomez



CARMINA Sanchez and Jessi Fernando



JACKIE Antonio, Amanda Jacob and Anna Aragon, all in Rosanna Ocampo

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Summer rhapsody





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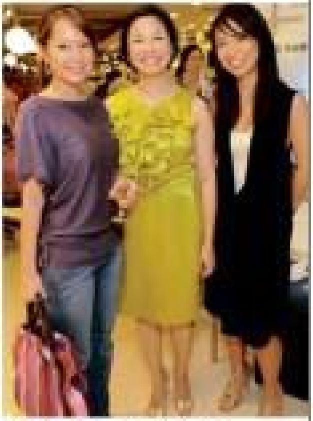
Spotted: Printed dresses and monochromatic hues

What: The Ramp Crossings' summer fashion event

You know you love it:

What's hot:

That just in: Summer collection is now available at The Ramp Crossings









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Maximum effect

These ladies know how to work their dresses with these sexy backs!





KELLY Misa







Editor Emmie G. Velarde

ENTERTAINMENT



Good buzz for 2 more RP films in Cannes



ON the red carpet for the "Manila" premiere at the Buñuel Theater (from left): Raya Martin, producer Arturo Cocina, Adolfo Alix Jr. and Piolo Pascual.

Actor Piolo Pascual walks the red carpet as co-producer/lead star of 'Manila,' a twin-bill tribute to Brocka and Bernal

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

AFTER THE "mixed" reviews for Brillante Mendoza's "Kinatay," two other Philippine movies in the Official Selection of the 62nd Cannes International Film Festival have received encouraging notices.

At the Debussy Theater on Monday, Raya Martin's "Independencia" premiered in the Un Certain Regard section which "celebrates young talent, innovative and audacious works."

Martin and Adolfo Alix Jr.'s

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ALEX and Pascual on the video wall, the paparazzi below.

Good buzz for 2 more RP films in Cannes

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"Manila," in the Special Screenings section, premiered at the Buñuel Theatre the following day.

Howard Feinstein of ScreenDaily.com noted that Manila, "only 24 [years old]... is heavily and admirably committed to... the appropriation of indigenous Filipino history after... colonization, and the laying bare of cinematic illusion."

"Independencia" is about Filipinos who flee to the jungle during the American Occupation.

Feinstein noted that the film "borrowed its aesthetics from early studio talkies (with real black-and-white footage, painterly false backdrops, overacting performances..." However, he acknowledged that "this is hardly the stuff of the marketplace, but should find eager viewers in festivals and cinema studies classes."

> Meanwhile, 'Kinatay' is a 'dark horse' for Palm d'Or

'Folkloric quality'

Ross Catton of SG wrote in his blog: "The cinematic stylization is all in Manila's decision to shoot it in the style of a pre-Griffith silent movie ... If that didn't make it clear we're watching a fable of the Philippines' past, the final image wouldn't be nearly so revealing — or as pointed."

Catton liked it so much, he vowed, "I'll be at Manila's next (film) with bells on."

British indie magazine Little White Lies critic Matt Bochenski pointed out the film's "folkloric quality," adding that it is "deliberately theatrical and old-fashioned."

The mag's site described "Independencia" as "a richly metaphorical, allusive collision of history, mythology and cultural memory."

It said that it's "full of long takes and stylized close-ups, but sizzling beneath with raw bruised sensuality... occasionally hard work, but hugely rewarding."

Tribute movie

Alissa Simon of Variety posted a review of "Manila," a twin-bill tribute to Lino Brocka's "Insiang" and Ishmael Bernal's "Manila By Night," co-produced and top-billed by actor Piolo Pascual, who attended the Cannes film fest.

Simon called it an "experimental two-parter from leading indie helmers that makes one yearn to see the originals."

She commented that the "decidedly clear" film has "youthful energy aplenty and a great jazz-pop soundtrack."

She reminded, however, that the film "won't find many prospects offshore apart from festivals and specialty situations."

There's good news even for Mendoza's "Kinatay," which received a thrashing from Pulitzer-winning critic Roger Ebert.

Xan Brooks of the Guardian reported that the "latest odds have Marco Bellocchio's 'Vincere' as favorite to win the coveted Palme D'Or... closely followed by Ang Lee's 'Taking Woodstock,' Brillante Mendoza's 'Kinatay' and Michael Haneke's 'The White Ribbon.'"

'Dark horse'

Victoria Lindrea of BBC News quoted Screen International's Fionnuala Halligan, who also singled out "Kinatay," the Philippines' lone entry in the Main Competition, as a "dark horse."

Halligan told Lindrea that "jury president Isabelle Huppert may be looking for something darker still," adding that "Huppert's taste would lead towards something like 'Kinatay' — a hard-hitting crime drama about the brutal murder of a Manila prostitute."

Halligan described "Kinatay" as "the kind of confrontational cinema that Cannes likes."

Awarding of the Palme D'Or, the Cannes fest's highest prize, is on Sunday.

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PUSSYCAT Dolls



MTV free concert tonight at MoA

SHOW TIME

Akon concert reset July 4

Pussycat Dolls at MoA



Rico, Ronnie team up

UP Diliman piano recital

Tomorrow

Aug. 5







Hanks, Howard fail to get Dan Brown to reveal next novel

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales

Religious conspiracy theories

Short and straight

No permits to film in the Vatican were secured

Looking good at 52

Vatican tour

Manoy's grandson wants to be like him

By Bayani San Diego Jr.



JR GARCIA: "My goal is to be a good character actor." He has asked Lolit Solis to manage him.

LIVING Stars

Editor: Booma B. Velarde

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BOOKS

... like its message: That you can be wealthy and still be close to God.



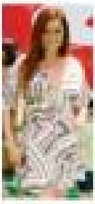
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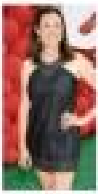
H'wood preem for 'Up'



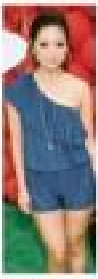
KAPUSO READERS

GMA 7 ARTIST CENTER TALENTS ... Joy Sobrano and Samantha Gordon volunteered as "readers" and performed for kids during a reading session aboard MV Doulos, the world's largest floating bookshop recently docked in Manila's South Harbor. Guests were kid beneficiaries of GMA 7's Kapuso Foundation. —*Marinel R. Cruz*



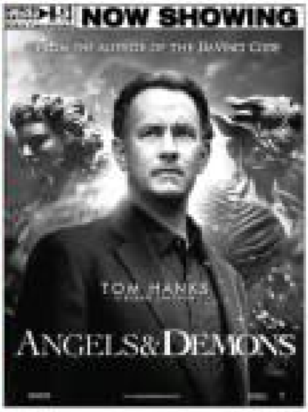






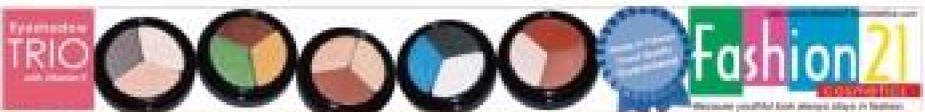






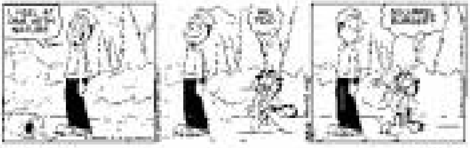




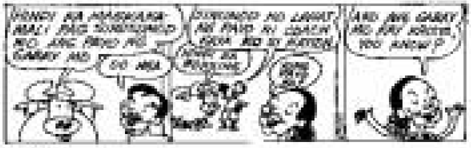


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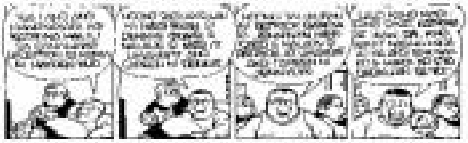
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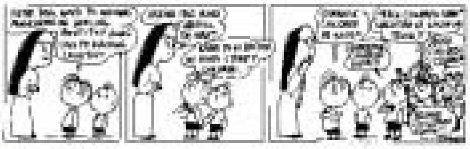
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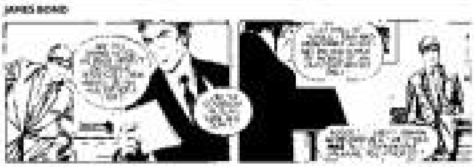
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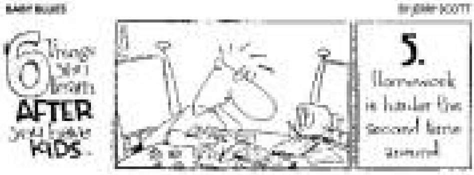
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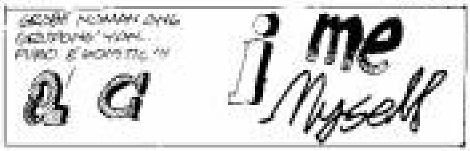
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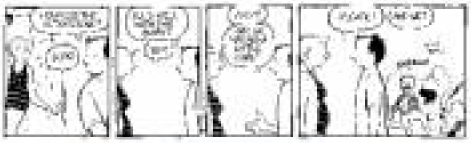
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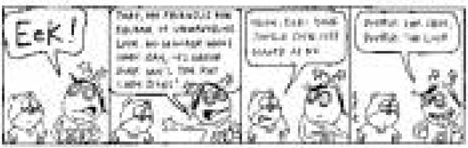
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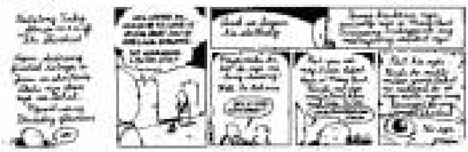
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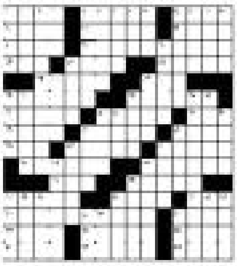
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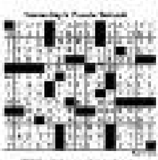


KIKO MACHINE



CROSSWORD PUZZLE





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Cheri's work in progress



BROADCASTER CHERI MERCADO says her 220-sq. m. house in Quezon City is a work in progress.

Art pieces

HOME BODY

From the start, the TV5 news anchor wanted an Oriental look for her house



